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WRAPPED UP IN HIS PET IDEA.

CITIZEN. — Mr. McKinley, I have called to offer a few suggestions about some needed reforms of our financial system.
MCKINLEY. — My dear sir, you must excuse me; — I've turned all that over to Senator Wolcott.



WANTED TO KNOW.

NEW YORKER.—I remember the day of the blizzard—
WESTERNER.—Say, was that the only snow storm you ever had in New York?

LOOKING FORWARD.

MISS DE STYLE.—Lent will soon be here.
ASKINS.—Yes. What is going to be fashionable in sackcloth?

A TRYING EXPERIENCE.

ISAACSTEIN.—I hear dere vos a big run on der bank. Vos you nerfous?
COHENSTEIN.—Of course I vos nerfous. Dere vos nine people in der line before me.

IN OTHER WORDS.

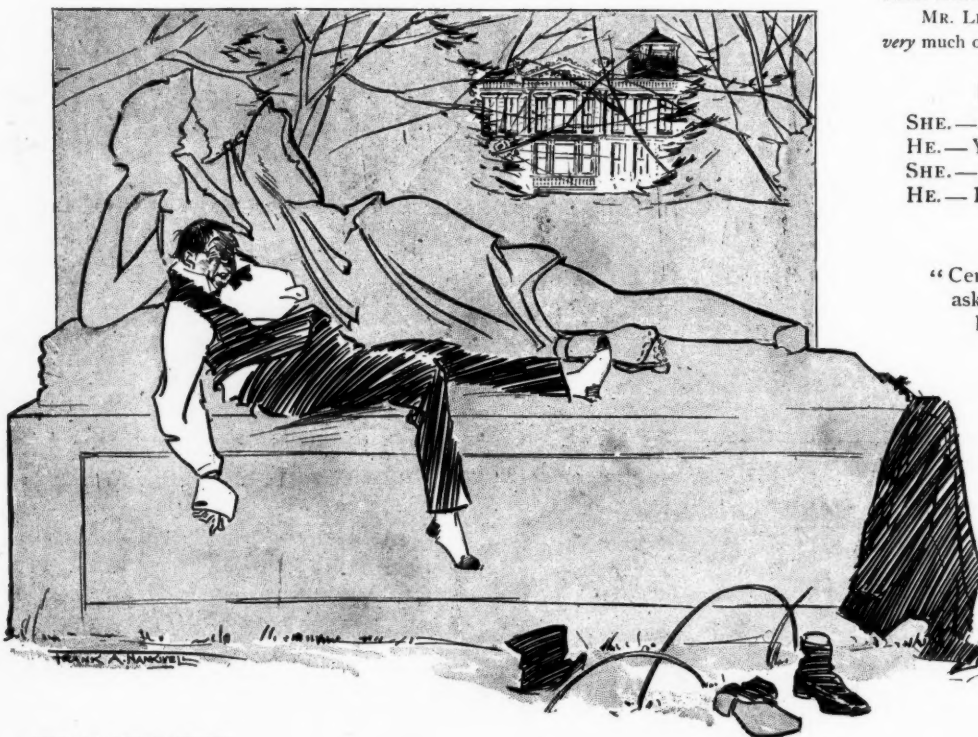
POLITICUS.—Of course "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."
CITICUS.—That 's right. You have to keep your eye on the politicians all the time.

PROFESSIONAL PROGRESS.

"The poor," exclaimed the gum peddler, who, since the election, was inclined to be argumentative, "are always growing poorer."
"Yes," replied the Living Skeleton, modestly; "I fancy we do make some little progress in our profession. Yes!"

HE HEARD IT WAS GOOD.

MAMA.—Johnny, stop trying to pull that dog's tail; he 'll bite you.
JOHNNY.—Well, I want to get a hair out of his tail, in case he does bite me.



AN EARLY-MORNING DISCOVERY.

JONES.—Shay, 'Lizer, your feet 's mosht 'straordin'y cold!



NO CAUSE.

MRS. LIGHTFIST.—That waiter appeared to be very much offended when you gave him that tip.
MR. LIGHTFIST (*in surprise*).—Why, he *could n't* be very much offended, —I only gave him five cents!

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

SHE.—They caught that burglar at Brown's last night.
HE.—Yes; poor fellow! I suppose he 'll get ten years.
SHE.—Why are you so sympathetic?
HE.—He poisoned the dog.

WOMAN, ETC.

"Certainly not," replied Charon, the boatman, when asked if he had any objection to telling what he was laughing at; "I was watching those women. Now, if every last one of them did n't get off the earth backwards, you may use my head for a foot-ball."

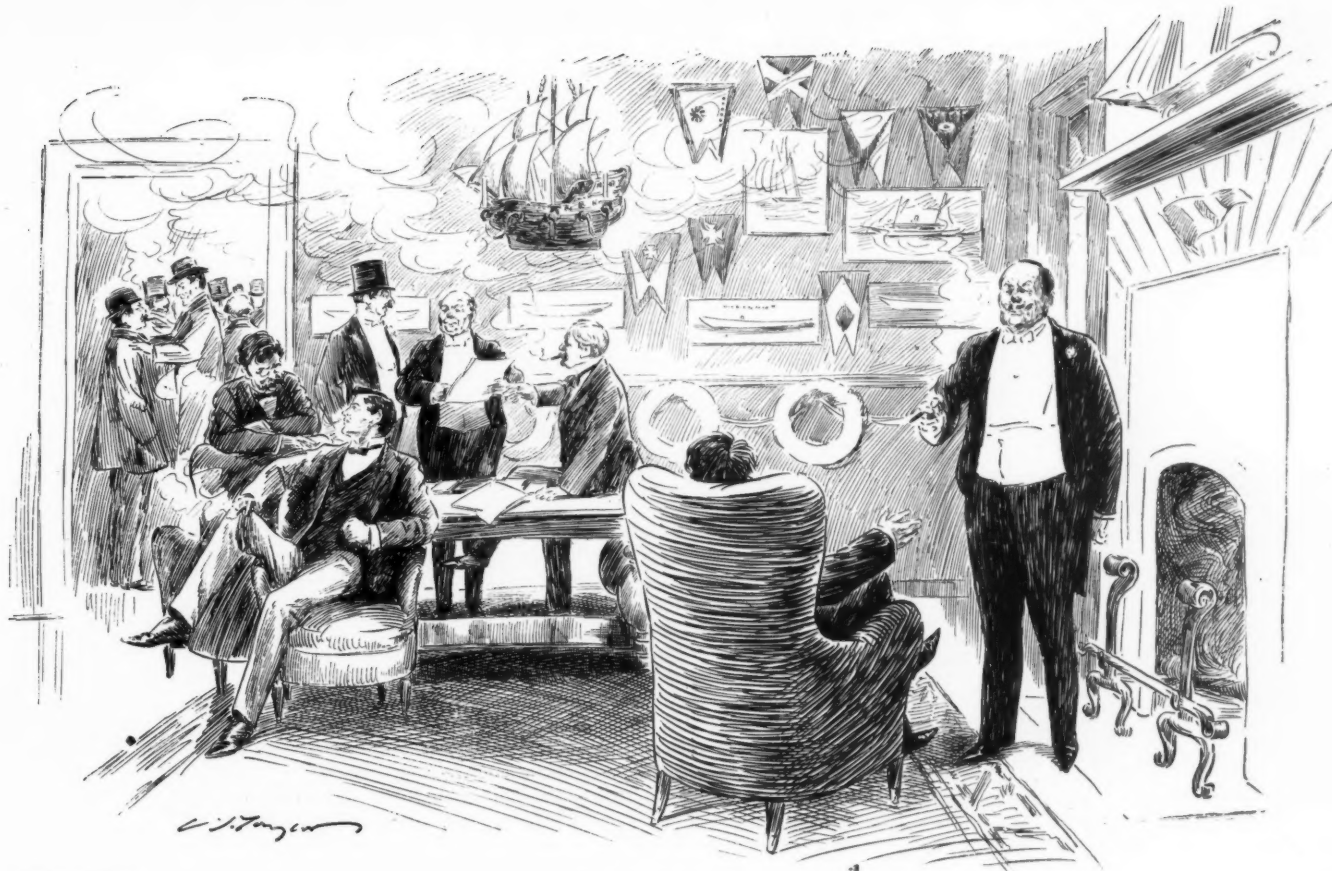
COUNTENANCE AGAINST HER.

FREDERICK.—That photographer is certainly chasing after the impossible.
WILLY.—How is that?
FREDERICK.—He asked Miss de Millions to look pleasant.

A LITTLE EXPLANATION NEEDED.

MRS. INNIT.—This will be a very serviceable hat.
INNIT.—Serviceable? Does that mean that it can be worn after its novelty has ceased to excite remark?

DYER.—Is Cutem a fashionable tailor?
DUELL.—No; he does a strictly cash business.



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INCONGRUOUS.

FIRST YACHTSMAN.—Is n't it ridiculous, old Demarest running for the office of Commodore?
SECOND YACHTSMAN.—Is n't it? Why, he is a Prohibitionist!

EMANCIPATED.



BY MY own act I've just escaped
A thralldom most appalling,
Wherein Time bound me link by link
With fetters strong and galling.
From golden chains of pleasant weight
They grew to leaden slowly,
Till I, suspectless and serene,
Was in their power wholly.
It's dissipated now and I
Could cut some youthful capers.
A brand-new lease of life is mine—
I've stopped my Sunday papers!

When first I crushed the Puritan
That ruled in me and read them,
They were a source of profit and
Of pleasure. Now I dread them.
From simple folios one might "do"
Before the morning service
They've turned to things whose very con-
Templation makes me nervous.
The octopus, the centipede,
The hydra—these are vapors
Innocuous and roseate,
Beside the Sunday papers!

I'm freed from all their siren charms
Of cheap critiques and aimless;
Of vapid social drivel and
Of Grundyisms shameless.
The youngest member 'll mourn, no doubt,
That horror for sane scorn meant—
The colored supplement,—his ma
The "Hints on Home Adornment."
My girls will miss the "Fashion Notes,"
My boy the beaush draper's,
But then self-preservation's first!
I've stopped my Sunday papers.
Edward W. Barnard.

HE EXPLAINS.

SHE.—I don't think you were really anxious to hear me sing.
HE (*earnestly*).—Indeed, I was! I had never heard you before.

FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW.

FRIEND.—You never were in Rhode Island before, eh? Small State, is n't it?
HARLEMITE.—Oh! I don't know. There's room for quite a number of flats.

IN CHICAGO.

FRIEND.—You have been here a long time, have n't you?
ELDERLY RESIDENT.—Yes, indeed! When I came here Chicago had n't annexed anything to speak of.



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BEHIND THE SCENES.

FIRST AMATEUR.—Do I look all right, Mabel?
SECOND AMATEUR.—Yes, dear! Your complexion is on straight.

A WINTER MORNING IN LONESOMEHURST.



AS THE snow-plow gone past, yet, Amabel?" earnestly inquired Mr. Isolate, of Lonesomehurst, as he was hurriedly breakfasting, in his ulster, by lamp-light, in the Isolates' chilly little dining-room, the other morning, preparatory to taking his train to New York.

"Yes, Ferdinand," Mrs. Isolate answered, cheerfully, readjusting his ear-muffs, one of which had nearly fallen off into the condensed milk, as she hovered lovingly and admiringly over him, in her last Winter's cloak. "The coffee is all right, Ferdy," she reassured him, as he set his cup down and regarded it peculiarly. "The reason it has that funny taste is because I had to make it from melted snow, this morning, Ferdy."

I was not going to tell you, if you did not notice it, but the water-pipes froze so hard last night that I have n't dared to start the kitchen stove yet, for fear of the

water-front blowing up. However, I got along nicely by holding the coffee-pot and frying-pan over the piano-lamp," she added, triumphantly. "But, Ferdy! you have n't got your collar on!" she chided him with mild severity.

"No, dear," Mr. Isolate responded, reassuringly; not, however, daring to remove his eyes from his watch, lying open by his plate, "but I have it in my pocket, all right, with my cuffs and necktie . . . another sandwich, Amy . . . and I would put the student-lamp under the stove, to thaw out the water-pipes."

"Very well. But, gracious! I don't think you have time for another sandwich, — have you, Ferdy?"

"It is for my pocket. I'll eat it on the way to the train."

"O Ferdy! You ought to have a shave! — this makes three days, now, you have n't."

"I'm going to do it, at noon, at the office, dear. I have my razor, and there is warm water there . . . If that is little Clarence moving about, upstairs, have him come down and get under the table and lace my left shoe."

"It is only the new cook just getting up, love . . . FERDINAND! was that the whistle?" Mrs. Isolate cried, wildly.

"N-No, that is the toot of the Five-fifty-eight A. M. Typewriters' Through Express, — so my watch is all right," her husband answered, after listening attentively a moment and regarding his watch sharply. "Button my vest, please, Amy."

"In a minute, dear. Have you taken your quinine capsule?"

"Yes; I took it with the last roll." Mr. Isolate had kept his gaze so intently riveted upon his watch, that the hands suddenly seemed stationary. He seized it and clapped it excitedly to his ear. "Pumpkin-dusters! — I thought it had stopped! — but it has n't!" he exclaimed, weakly, with his mouth full.

"Then that still gives you all of six and three-fourths minutes more, Ferdy," his wife returned, cheerfully.

"Yes. Is my lantern lighted, love?"

"No. I don't think you will need it, this morning, my dear; the snow makes it seem quite light, out . . . O Ferdinand! you have gotten on one regular shoe, and one patent-leather one, again, in the dark!"

"Never mind, now, love!" Mr. Isolate returned, indifferently, — the arctics will cover them up. Only five minutes to run that three-minutes' walk to the station. Good-by, dear!" And seizing his pepsin-gum, and slipping his watch into his ulster pocket with the sandwich, Mr. Isolate kissed his wife and hurried out into the morning twilight.

Con Converse.



BEFORE THE BALL.

MRS. MOKEBY. — Good Lawd! Why don't yo' go to er barber, an' get a decent shave?

MR. MOKEBY. — Did I cut mahself much?

MRS. MOKEBY. — Did yo' cut yo'se'f? Folks 'll think yo' hab jes' been playin' pokah!

GOOD FORTUNE.



FIRST LITERARY MAN. — Look, there comes Rhymer out of that Magazine office. His face is wreathed in smiles. He must have sold a poem. Let us go over and congratulate him. Perhaps he will blow us off.

UTILIZING HIS DEVOTION.

AMY. — Yes; he is very persistent. He says he would go to the ends of the earth for me.

ALICE. — Why not send him? It would take him some time to get back.

REVERSING THE USUAL PHRASE.

The stranger entered and laid his card on Mr. Cawker's desk.

The pasteboard bore the inscription: "Mr. John Smith."

"The name is familiar," said Mr. Cawker, as he looked up; "but I can't remember your face."

THE DEAR.

"Dear girl!"

"She's like ice to me."

In other words, she was not especially dear at this time of the year.



FIRST LITERARY MAN — We congratulate you, old man, on your luck! Oh! don't deny it; we can see it in your face. Which poem was it you sold?
RHYMER (beaming) — Sold poem? Not much! Better than that! I just found a meal-ticket with three unpunched spaces!

A NOVEL BUT EFFECTIVE SCHEME.

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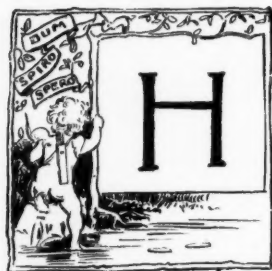
WORKLESS WILLIAM. — Business is awful dull! These women pass by and never notice me. Something's got to be done. —



"This lookin'-glass has been hangin' round dis room ever since I lived here. I'll just swipe it. I think I know somethin' of human nature. —



"If this attraction keeps up, I'll have to open a bank account."



HER THOUGHT.

SHE SAT and gazed at her lovely face,
From her soulful eyes he was drinking
All that made life seem so rich and rare, —
And he wondered what she was thinking.

Perhaps 't was well that he never knew —
For she thought, "When a man is happy
I wonder why he is sure to look
So idiotically sappy!"

Judith Spencer.

ACCOUNTING FOR IT.

HE. — Miss Playne seems to have been a very successful student.
SHE (*disdainfully*). — Oh, yes! She has had very little to distract her attention from her studies.

THE MOST cheerful of weather prophets is the child who is to go out if it does not rain.



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A TESTIMONIAL.

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GENTLEMEN. — TWO WEEKS AGO I TOOK TWELVE BOTTLES OF YOUR REGULATOR, AND TO-DAY NO ONE WOULD RECOGNIZE IN ME MY FORMER SELF.

VERY TRULY YOURS,
J. GRABEMALL.

THE WAY OUT OF A DIFFICULTY.

BROWN. — No use talking to Jones — when he forms an opinion he never changes his mind.

ROBINSON. — What does he do since he's been married?

BROWN. — He keeps his opinions to himself.



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MECHANICAL ASSISTANCE.

ADVANCE AGENT (*savagely*). — How the devil, sir, do you think our *première danseuse* can trip the light fantastic toe on such a stage as that, where part of the boards are warped till they look like pig troughs?

MANAGER OKLAHOMA THEATRE (*cheerily*). — Aw! that 'll help her to trip; half of them boards is so blamed loose they flop up when anybody tromps on 'em.

AN ERROR.

"What is that text," asked the enthusiastic wheelman — "'Blessed are the peacemakers'?"

But when he saw that it was "blessed are the peacemakers," he relapsed into his customary indifference to all matters not pertaining to the wheel.



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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

MR. MCKINLEY'S
THEATRICAL
PROSPECTS.

IT is the mission of a theatrical advance-agent to precede his company along its scheduled route and to inspire, as he goes, a pleasant and substantial preconception of its merit. He enlivens dead walls with posters eloquent in its praise, and makes shop-windows blossom with lithographs of its distinguished personnel. When it comes along, the show may justify his floweriest encomiums, or it may prove him to have been a genial and picturesque liar. The advance agent reckons not of this. He is off building up expectancy in new fields, and these he will leave for still others, for he is always "ahead of the show." It will be seen that Mr. McKinley, as the advance agent of prosperity, does not enjoy this happy immunity of his prototype in the theatrical world, for he, being also the star of his company, must stay right on the ground and face the verdict. And, should his performance as a star fall very far below the expectations aroused by his promises as advance agent, he may assuredly count upon being the chief target when the audience begins to throw things. Although this audience has assembled early, it is a coldly critical one that can not be moved except by genuine merit. Already shrill hoots of impatience and incredulity have come from the back seats and the gallery, and throughout the vast assemblage there is a very manifest determination to put up with no nonsense. There must be no substitution of inferior talent; and no physician's certificate will atone for the cutting-out of any advertised feature.

The promise of currency reform was chiefly what induced so many people to take seats for Mr. McKinley's show. And now that the curtain is

about to go up there is a suspicion that the star means to devote himself almost exclusively to his High Tariff specialty. So far as can be ascertained, the only step he has taken toward providing for this part of the published programme is to have given Senator Wolcott permission to regale Europe with his views upon silver as a money-metal. With no wish to prejudice his entertainment, it may be pointed out to Mr. McKinley that this will not suffice. It is, in fact, a gauzy and impractical device for diverting the attention of the audience. Senator Wolcott is a versatile and accomplished gentleman, an effective orator, a master of the social graces, and is said to have gained, through long and varied experience, an unusually nice sense of the relative values of poker hands; and, if we needed someone to talk international bimetallism to the other parties, he would be an excellent person for the work. But we have no such need. We know all there is to know about the chances for an international agreement to double the price of silver. As a contemporary has suggested, Europe is willing to play the game if we will consent to be "It." And, as we have voted against being the scapegoat, Senator Wolcott will waste some more or less valuable time, and Mr. McKinley may be wasting a priceless opportunity to do something of importance. We think he ought to understand by this time that unless he does something substantial in the way of currency reform, his first theatrical tour will be a genuine "farewell," with a break-up at Kankakee and a walk home over the ties.

AS TO CITY
GOVERNMENT.

NEW YORK is unique among American cities for its utter lack of that fraternal and united energy which is called public spirit. There is no community, from the hamlet of Hay Corners to the metropolis of Chicago that does not put it to shame in the matter of constant interest and intelligent action in its own government. As to the new city charter now in hand, the attitude of the average citizen of New York, where it is not one of dense ignorance, is one of cynical and helpless indifference. "The politicians will attend to all that," is his only comment, and the politicians are attending to it, with a little timid interference by the New York Chamber of Commerce. The citizen will find out upon actual trial if the charter be good or bad; but, whatever he finds it to be, he will know that the politicians made it as they wanted it without hindrance, advice or help from him.

It is this lack of public spirit which has given to New York the reputation of being the least "American" of all our cities; and the same lack has made its misgovernment an almost continuous scandal. And there can be no material change, however wisely new charters are drawn, so long as the city is not let to govern itself. For absentee-government is the secret of this lack of public spirit. While the city submits to the say of country legislators who know nothing of its needs, and who, in turn, yield their power to the reigning Platt or Croker, it can hope for nothing but a government as corrupt as greed dare make it.

YE LADYE AND YE BOOKE AGENTE.



E CLOMBE ye steppes and rang ye belle,
Putte onne ys blandest smyle,
And whenne ye ladye didde appeare
Beganne inne ys best style:

"Fayre ladye, I have heere a worke,
Iffe you wille butte give eare—"
"Notte onne youre lyfe!" upsake ye dame,—
"Can't gette youre worke inne heere!"

Carl Currie.

A REPORT.

BEELZEBUB.—How do you find things?

MEPHISTOPHELES.—Why, there are enough broken New Year's resolutions to repave the whole place.

MEANT WHAT SHE SAID.

THE FIANCÉE.—I would like to see the programme for your bachelors' dinner.

THE FIANCÉ.—The — a — the ménu?

THE FIANCÉE (*severely*).—No, sir; — the programme!

IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

THE SULTAN.—What papers are those?

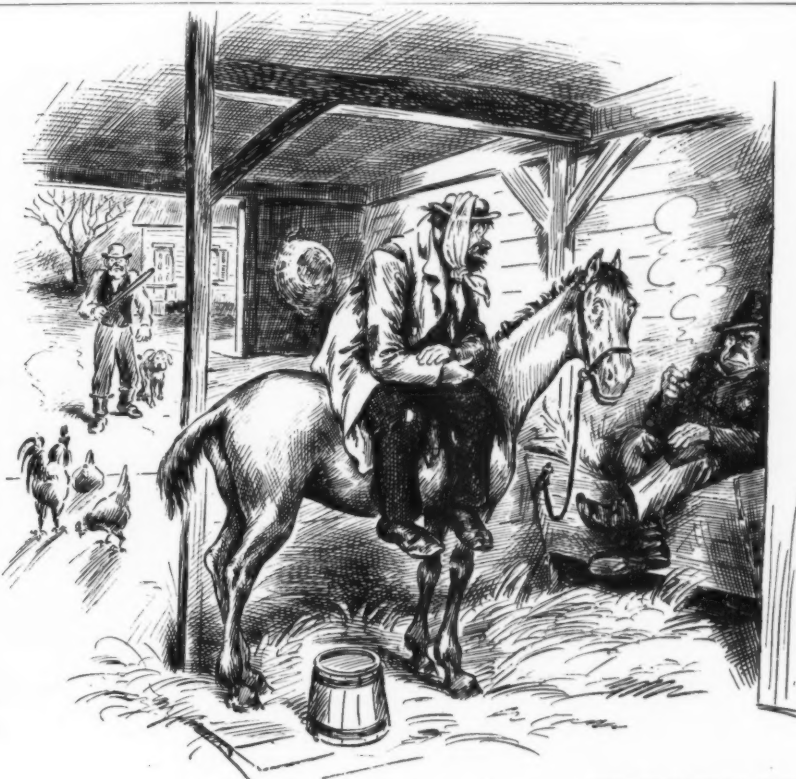
THE GRAND VIZIER.—New York papers, Commander of the Faithful.

THE SULTAN.—Yes? Are they still jumping on me and Tom Platt?

A PROTEST.

FIRST REPUBLICAN POLITICIAN.—What does this mean? It says here the United States might use its offices to settle the trouble in Cuba.

SECOND REPUBLICAN POLITICIAN.—Use its offices? Say, some folks must think this country has offices to burn!

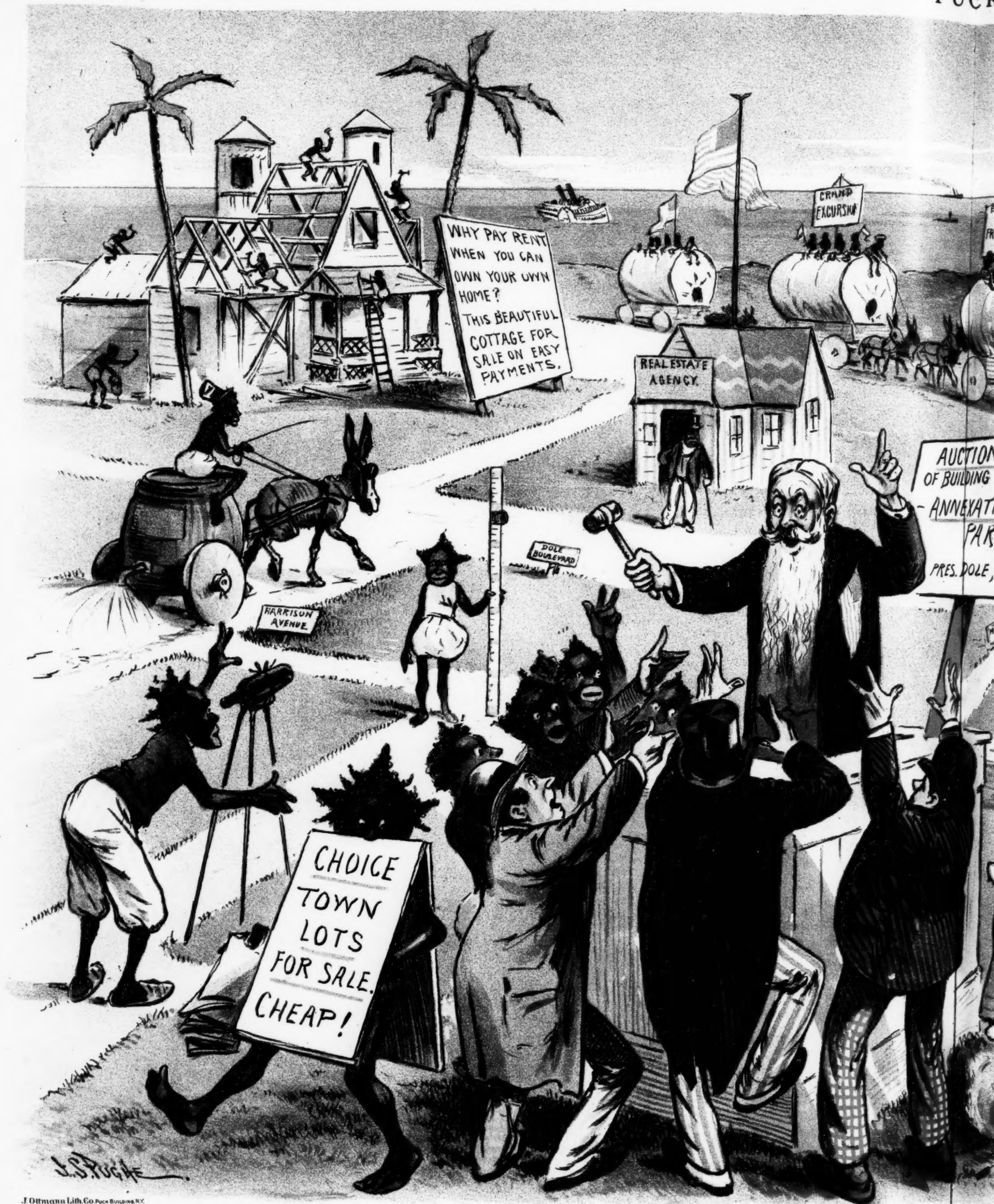


HIS VIEW.

LEISURELY LAFFERTY.—I see Bill got six months at hard labor.
Wot's hard labor?

RESTFUL RAGSON.—Any kind.

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"WHEN GREEK MEETS GREEK."

FEMALE SCORCHER (*wildly*).—Hi! Look out! I'm a beginner!
MALE SCORCHER (*in horror*).—Heaven help us! So am I!

UNLIKE MOST ERRORS.

"It is a great mistake to marry young."
"Yes; but it is a mistake that is seldom repeated."



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CERTAIN.

MRS. FORSTER.—Why, good morning, Mr. Felton! Will Mrs. Felton be at home this morning?
MR. FELTON.—Yes; she is going to be home all day. A family is going to move into a house right opposite ours to-day, and Mrs. Felton is not quite certain of the time.

SLEEP, AT ANY COST.

MRS. NEWLYBLESSED.—Ear-muffs? Why, Algernon, I thought you swore you never would use them!
MR. NEWLYBLESSED (*wearily*).—I am going to wear them in bed, nights, until little Clarence is five.

IN THE INTEREST OF ACCURACY.

HE.—She is fair, is she not?
SHE.—You mean she has a light complexion.

NE PLUS ULTRA.

"He is quite credulous, is n't he?"
"Credulous? Why, he would believe a dentist who would promise not to hurt him!"

A SUGGESTION.

THE VICTIM.—There is the description of the property. Is there anything else I can do?

THE DETECTIVE.—Well—er—you might make the reward payable in advance.

IN THE INTERIOR.

THE LAWYER.—Do you know any reason why you should not serve as a juror in this case?
THE FARMER.—Well, no. Seen' as this feller ain't accused of bein' a bunco man, I guess I kin give him a fair trial.



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THE WRONG TERM.

OLD PORT.—Ha! I've caught you sampling my burgundy, have I?
PARKER (*the new butler*).—Er—n-no, sir! I sampled it yesterday, sir. I was just drinkin' your health to-day, sir!

EVERYTHING WORKS well on paper—except the fountain pen.

IT'S PRETTY hard to get people interested in what you used to be.

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LIVED IN THE PRESENT.
MISSIONARY.—My man, don't you want to save your soul?
MURDERER.—Yes, sir; but if y' don't mind, I'd like to save my neck first.—*Roxbury Gazette.*
A WOMAN's way is usually the other way.—*Kentucky Colonel.*

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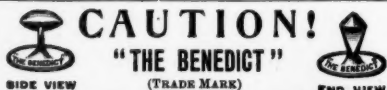
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DEAR DOCTOR: I have received the five collections of **dis-integrated Calculi**, each collection containing a number of **fragments**, and also the three boxes, each containing a single calculus, mentioned in your letter as discharged by different patients under treatment by the **BUFFALO LITHIA WATER** Spring No. 2.

I have analyzed and photographed parts of each specimen, and designated them alphabetically.

One of the Calculi from the collection marked "A" was 3-16 of an inch in diameter, of an orange color, and on section exhibited a nucleus, surrounded by nine concentric layers of a crystalline structure, as shown in the accompanying photograph, marked "A," magnified 12 diameters.

On chemical analysis it was found to consist of **Uric Acid** (colored by organic substances from the urine), with traces of Ammonium Urate and Calcium Oxalate.

A **fragment** of a **broken down calculus** from the same collection was found to consist of **Uric Acid**.

One of the **fragments**, taken at random from the collection marked "B," which was **still more disintegrated** than the preceding one, proved on analysis to be composed chiefly of **Uric Acid** and Ammonium Urate, with a trace of Calcium Oxalate. See accompanying photograph "B," magnified 12 diameters.

The contents of the boxes marked "C" consisted chiefly of whitish crystalline materials.

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The **fragments** of Calculi in the collection marked "D" were numerous and of sizes varying from small **fragments** to 7-8 of an inch in length by 3-16 of an inch in width and 5-16 of an inch in thickness. I enclose a photograph of one of them marked "D," magnified 12 diameters. Some of the **fragments** were white and others gray in color.

On chemical analysis they were found to consist partly of the variety known as "**Fusible Calculus**," Ammonium and Magnesium Phosphate with Calcium Phosphate, also Calcium Phosphate, Calcium Carbonate in traces, Calcium Oxalate in traces, **Urid Acid** in traces, and organic matter.

The collection of calculi marked "E" were nodulated, and nearly spherical in shape, consisting of crystalline layers from 3-8 of an inch to 1-4 of an inch in diameter. See accompanying photograph "E," of a specimen magnified 12 diameters.

They were of brown color, and on analysis proved to be chiefly **Uric Acid**, with some Ammonium Urate and traces of organic matter.

The calculus marked "F" was of a light-brown color, nodulated, hard, brittle and nearly cylindrical, 1-4 inch long and 1-8 of an inch wide. It consisted of Calcium Oxalate, with some organic matter which gave it color. See photograph "F," magnified 12 diameters.

The calculus marked "G" was of a light-brown color, irregular in form, nodulated, hard, crystalline, and in layers. It was 3-8 of an inch long and 1-4 inch in diameter. It consisted of Calcium Oxalate and some coloring matter. See photograph "G," magnified 12 diameters.

The calculus marked "H" was of a very light-brown color and semi-transparent, nodulated, very irregular in form, crystalline and hard. It was 3-8 of an inch long, 1-4 inch wide, and 3-16 of an inch thick. It consisted of Calcium Oxalate, and a very small amount of coloring matter. See photograph "H," magnified 12 diameters.

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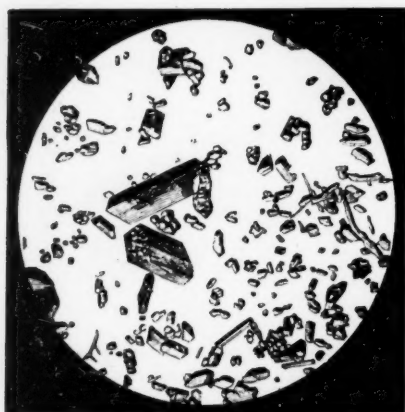
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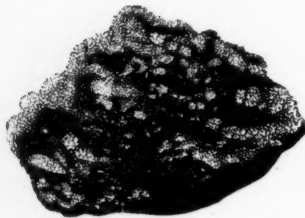
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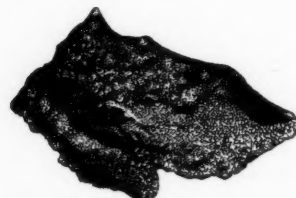
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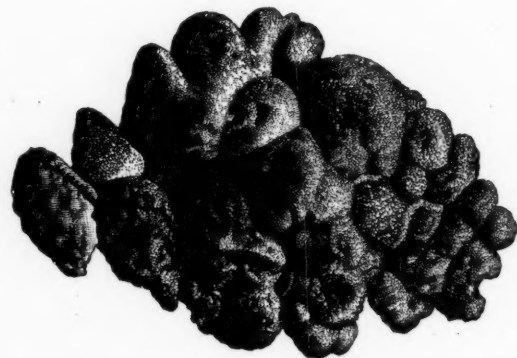
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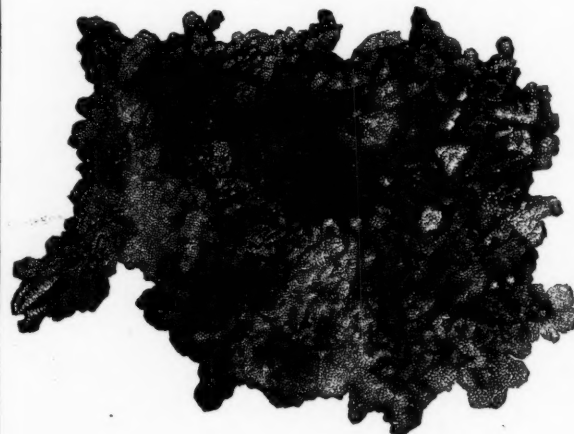
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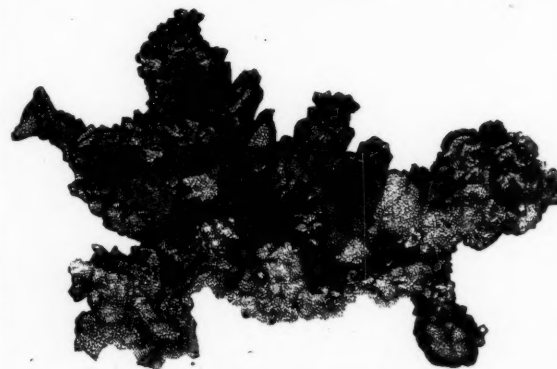
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